

4th Grade Houghton Mifflin Overview: Skills, Strategies and Content

Theme	W k	Comprehension Strategy	Comprehension Skill	Spelling Structural Analysis	Grammar
Back to School		Strategy Workshop: Strategy Review			
1: Journeys <i>Focus On:</i> Mysteries	1	Summarize	Story Structure	Short vowels a, e; long vowels a, e Base words and endings -er, -est	Kinds of Sentences
	2	Predict/Infer	Author's Viewpoint	Short vowels i, o; long vowels i, o Suffixes -ly and -y	Subjects and predicates
	3	Monitor/Clarify	Text Organization	Short vowel u; long vowel u Syllabication	Compound sentences
	4	Question	Noting Details	Homophones Word roots tele, rupt	Common nouns
2: American Stories <i>Focus On:</i> Plays	1	Predict/Infer	Sequence of Events	The /ou/ (howl/pound) and /ô/ (jaw/cause) sounds Contractions	Proper nouns
	2	Evaluate	Making Inferences	The /oo/ sounds: moon and cook Word roots <i>sign</i> and <i>spect</i>	Singular and plural nouns
	3	Summarize	Making Generalizations	The /îr/ (gear), /är/ (sharp), /âr/ (hairy) sounds Suffixes -er, -or, and -ist	Singular and plural nouns
	4	Question	Categorize and Classify	The /ôr/ (horse), /ûr/ (curve), and /yoor/ (cure) sounds Possessives	Singular and plural possessive nouns

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3: That's Amazing	1	Monitor/Clarify	Noting Details	Compound words Words that begin with a- or be-	Action verbs
	2	Question	Compare and Contrast	Final /ər/ (sugar), and final /l/ or /lə/ (bottle/medal) Words with the suffix -able	Main verbs and helping verbs
	3	Evaluate	Fantasy and Realism	Words ending with -ed or -ing Digraphs	Present, past, and future tenses
	4	Monitor/Clarify	Story Structure	Homophones Prefixes un-, dis-, and non-	Past time and future time
4: Problem Solvers <i>Focus On: Poetry</i>	1	Predict/Infer	Predicting Outcomes	The /k/, /ng/, and /kw/ sounds Words with the suffix -ible	The irregular verb <i>Be</i>
	2	Evaluate	Problem Solving	Final /ē/ Prefixes <i>re-, mis-, and ex-</i>	Other irregular verbs
	3	Summarize	Drawing Conclusions	Final /j/ and /s/ Prefixes <i>pre-, con-, and com-</i>	Adjectives
	4	Question	Story Structure	VCCV pattern Consonant clusters	Comparing with adjectives
5: Heroes <i>Focus On: Pourquoi Tales</i>	1	Predict/Infer	Cause and Effect	Words with a Prefix or a Suffix Vowel diphthongs	Subject pronouns
	2	Monitor/Clarify	Making Judgments	Changing final y to i Two sounds of g	Object pronouns
	3	Evaluate	Fact and Opinion	VCV Pattern Two sounds of c	Possessive pronouns

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6: Nature: Friend and Foe	1	Summarize	Following Directions	Three-syllable words r-controlled vowels	Adverbs
	2	Monitor/Clarify	Topic, Main idea, and Supporting Details	Unusual spellings Suffixes <i>-less, -ness, and -ion</i>	Comparing with adverbs
	3	Predict/Infer	Making Inferences	Silent consonants Word roots <i>graph, tract</i>	Prepositions and prepositional phrases